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SENATOR WEHRBEIN: It's...well, it's a user fee for those that use the system, whether it's Game and Parks or anything else.

SENATOR ABOUD: Do you view this fee in the same light as the income tax reduction?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: How do you mean that?

SENATOR ABOUD: Well, I mean, in a sense we're returning to the taxpayers money that they've contributed to the state's...not voluntarily contributed, but gave to the state to run state government in the form of an income tax.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well...

SENATOR ABOUD: Now, with the fee, it's the same rationale. The money is being used by...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time, Senator. Senator Abboud. Or excuse me. Senator Hartnett, followed by Senator Abboud.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Speaker, I'd give my time to Senator Chambers, if he so desires.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I've asked Senator Hartnett several questions relative to that engineering operation, and I think everything in the budget is fair game now for me, everything. And I'm going after everything, but I haven't decided to what extent. Those people who use that engineering facility are not going to pay the entire cost and they're not going to pay 60 percent of it. Now, when it comes to what big business and those others want, the Legislature rolls over. I have to be frank with you. Yesterday, I was so busy trying to make sure that the agreement Senator Maustad, Senator Wehrbein, and myself had arrived at with reference to taking prison construction money out of that capital construction bill and putting it into (LB) 150 that when I got them talking to Senator Wehrbein about that, the Chair was saying, Senator Wehrbein, do you want to close on the advancement of the capital construction